

**BOROUGH OF MEDIA
MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 2, 2002**

The Media Borough Planning Commission met on the above date with the following individuals present: Chairperson Steve Moss, Peter Williamson, Gordon Grimditch, Robert Yosua, Tina Mason, and Chris Pavlou. Also present was Code Enforcement Officer Jeffery, Vice-President Robinson, and Borough Manager Smith. Vice-Chairperson William Payne was absent from the meeting.

Chairperson Steve Moss called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Sign Permits

Sovereign Bank – 125 S Providence Rd

James Manclolas, President of Bright Sign Co., presented a plan to erect seven signs representing Sovereign Bank. There was a brief discussion on sign seven being previous approved which couldn't be determined at that time. Peter Williamson made a motion to approve signs one through six as submitted with the exception of sign seven. Gordon Grimditch seconded. Motion carried unanimously with the exception of Chris Pavlou.

Sovereign Bank – 2 S. Orange Street

James Manclolas, President of Bright Sign Co., presented a plan to replace existing wall sign on Front Street façade. Application requested for interchangeable text; Code Enforcement Officer Jeffery explained that that is not permissible. The plan also requests permission to change the logo on the front of the building Peter Williamson and Tina Mason tabled the new logo drawings in order to be in conformance with the Zoning Hearing Board decision of December 8, 1998, which Code Enforcement Officer Jeffery is researching. Chairperson Steve Moss explained that the application is tabled until the August 6, 2002 meeting at which time the 1998 Zoning Hearing Board information shall be available and representation is not needed.

Sterling Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center – 318 S. Orange Street

Geoffrey Henry, administrator, presented a plan to replace the existing freestanding sign on the corner of Orange and Jefferson Streets with a new nonconforming sign that is 12.9 ft² and the message will read as Sterling Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Peter Williamson motioned that council not oppose this application as submitted with the condition that the sign is not lighted and has nice landscaping around base; seconded by Chris Pavlou. Motion carried unanimously.

Edward Jones Investments – 325 W State Street

Edward Jones Investments proposes to place an awning sign on the west side of the building that will read Edward Jones Investments. The 12 square foot awning sign will project 2 ft from building and the height is 54” in front and tapers off to be 12” on each side at building.

Chairperson Steve Moss asked if there was a representative available to present the sign and there was no one. Code Enforcement Officer Jeffery explained that he believes the applicant is required to request a variance due to the provisions in the Zoning Ordinance.

Chairperson Steve Moss tabled the discussion until our Solicitor clarifies whether there is a variance needed.

Closing Discussion

Sign Ordinance Amendments

The Planning Commission reviewed the Sign Ordinance and they feel that window signs should be allowed to contain some things that are prohibited on the exterior signage. The Commission feels at this time they need more time and more data before any suggestions could be rendered. Borough Manager Jeff Smith will collect data from other townships and report his finding back to the Commission.

The next Planning Commission will be held on August 6, 2002 at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

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